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Executive for Administration and Management

Chief, Services Branch

Additional parking facilities for CIA employees

1. Services Branch is constantly receiving suggestions from various sources as to methods of providing additional car parking facilities for the benefit of CIA employees. Under the present circumstances, such facilities cannot be provided unless the expenses in connection therewith are borne by PBA.

2. We have recently received the informal approval of the National Capitol Park Services to use certain areas of land in front of "Que" and "M" Buildings and also between these buildings which would provide between 40 and 50 additional spaces. However, because this land is not covered, it would be necessary to at least cover it with gravel and in fact, it would be preferable to use "black-top" in order to provide a harder and more durable surface. Also, we have the permission of the District Commissioners to use the unimproved portion of 25th Street lying between E and Water Streets, which runs adjacent to the east side of Heurich Brewery. This area could be better used and a considerable number of additional spaces could be provided if this land could be improved at CIA expense.

3. Informal discussions with the Office of the General Counsel have indicated that specific legislative authority is required in order to use CIA funds for this purpose. Specifically, authorization to use CIA funds for the purposes of Construction would ordinarily be necessary. I am not familiar with the language of appropriations from which CIA funds are obtained and apparently such appropriations do not contain the authority required. In the absence of enabling legislation, which would provide authority for CIA to do many of the things for which specific authorization is required, CIA has proceeded in many instances in doing those things which were necessary to perform the functions of the agency.

4. Strictly speaking, the providing of parking facilities for employees is not absolutely required since to a large extent, this is more of a matter of personal convenience, and the government receives very little, if any, real benefit.

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5. All of the land in this vicinity under the control of PBA and available to CIA is now being used for parking. PBA does not have the funds or additional land on which additional parking facilities can be provided.

6. I am bringing this matter to your attention in order that you may be aware of the circumstances involved, the efforts on part of Services Branch to provide additional facilities, and for the consideration as to whether the Director desires to make any further effort in this connection. I have not obtained accurate estimates of the cost of this work because that will be governed by the type of material which would be used within the sum which may be made available for the purpose, if any.

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